

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 23 and 25-31 are pending in the application.

Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121

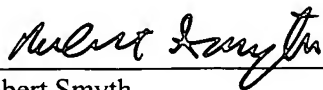
In the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121 which included claims previously cancelled when the present divisional application was filed on February 19, 2002 (*i.e.*, Claims 4-22, 24 and 32-41). Further, the current restriction is not consistent with the original restriction requirement set forth in parent application 09/364,626 as the remaining pending claims were found to constitute a single invention for examination purposes. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephone conference with the Examiner on October 16, 2003 in which she indicated that the restriction requirement would be withdrawn upon the filing of a paper response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn in view of the cancelled claims and the previous restriction requirement in the parent application, and that a first Office Action on the merits be issued in due course.

This paper is fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response or the application in general, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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